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SUBJ: CIVAIR -AGUSTA 109 HELICOPTER DEMONSTRATED IN EGYPT

1. ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE IN THE APRIL 29 ISSUED OF THE MILAN ECONOMIC/FINANCIAL DAILY "IL SOLE -24 ORE," AGUSTA HELICOPTERS (51 PERCENT GOI-OWNED, 49 PERCENT PRIVATELY HELD) HAD JUST CONCLUDED A THREE DAY DEMONSTRATION OF THE A-109 IN EGYPT. THE AUGSTA TEAM WAS HEADED BY COUNT CORRADO AGUSTA, THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY,WHO REPORTEDLY MET INTER ALIA WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT,VICE PRESIDENT HOSNI MUBARAK (FORMER CIC OF THE EGYPTIAN AIR FORCE) AND DEFENSE MINISTER GEN.MOHAMED GAMAZSSY.

2. THE EGYPTIANS ARE APPARENTLY INTERESTED IN BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY VERSIONS OF THE A109, A TWIN TURBINE VERY HIGH PERFORMANCE, 8-MAN HELICOPTER.THE A-109 USES US-PRODUCED ENGINES AND INSTRUMENTATION.

3. THE AGUSTA DEMOSTRATION IN EGYPT WAS APPARENTLY ARRANGED DURING PRESIDENT SADAT'S RECENT VISIT TO ITALY.VOLPE

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